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**Notice of Change for: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

**Date: December 31, 2013**

**A. PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**1. Name of institution**

University of Rhode Island

**2. Name of department, division, school or college**

Department:

College: University College and Special Academic Programs

**3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.**

Initiation date: Immediately

First degree date: No implications for degrees, certificates, or otherwise

**4. Intended location of the program NA**

**5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).**

**Name change from**

**"University College and Special Academic Programs" to**

**"University College for Academic Success".**

Currently, University College and Special Academic Programs offers services to students beginning with Orientation and New Student Programs (including retention assessments and Early Alert Programs for students at risk); Academic Advising for the first two years, including a focus on student athletes, undeclared students, and new transfers; Experiential Learning, Community Engagement, Career Advising and Employer Relations; International Programs; Academic Enhancement Services (including tutoring, bridge programs and supplemental instruction). As we have continued to grow and to serve students from admission to graduation in the full range of enhanced programs, our name has failed to represent all that we are. **Therefore we are requesting the name change to University College for Academic Success, to better convey the mission of the college.**

**If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog language changes that relate to your request.**

**6. Signature of the President**

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David M. Dooley

**MEMO**  
*(adapted from an email from Dean Richmond)*

**TO: Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee**

**FROM: Jayne Richmond, Dean University College**

**DATE: JAN. 2, 2014**

In addition to the name change form I completed for the college name, from “University College and Special Academic Programs” to “University College for Academic Success,” I had also mentioned that we are combining the offices of “Career Services and Employer Relations” with the “Office of Experiential Learning and Community Engagement” into the new “Center For Career and Experiential Education.”

I am requesting that this information be brought to the CAC committee as a point of information. The formal announcement to the university is set for February 5, 2014. In the immediate future we are hoping to have our materials and banners completed for the Admission Welcome Days and would appreciate any expediting of CAC review so we may proceed without concern.

For a brief explanation of this move to integrate services, I would say that we are quite behind the national trend for career and experiential learning to be integrated. The importance of experiential learning in all of its iterations (service learning, internships, field experiences, co-ops, etc.) has shown to be a primary factor in student interest in a major and success of employment upon graduation. At the same time, there is a movement to better integrate career advising from the beginning of a student’s academic career, right through to graduation. Therefore the role of career advisors should be integrated into the academic experience of students. The move from student affairs to academic affairs, as well as the integration of career advising and experiential learning will better clarify this mission to students, faculty, and employers. Our work in employer relations includes working with those who supervise interns, to those who attend job fairs and interview and hire our graduates. These professionals, along with alums and graduate students, will all be better served by this Center.